

Regulation is, by nature, a constriction of otherwise free market operations. Chairman Powell said it himself when we observed that local broadcasters have improved their local news offering out of good business sense. These local broadcasters did not respond to an FCC mandate they responded their customers.

Further regulation is not necessary on the issue of localism. Current localism efforts are limiting choice of content provider. Current regulation protects the licensing of the big 3 networks and prevent satellite carriers from broadcasting the full spectrum of choices nationwide.

Also, in the name of localism please remove the regulations preventing satellite radio from broadcasting localized traffic and weather using their terrestrial antennas.

In general the FCC should not be regulating content, just manage safety and efficient use of bandwidth. The U.S. Government should not be in the business of censoring what content businesses can broadcast. The market will make those decisions in due time.

Thank you for your time.